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SUBJECT: VU VAN HUYEN AS RUNNING MATE FOR BIG MINH

REF: STATE 023372

1. WE AGREE WITH YOU THAT VU VAN HUYEN AS VICE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT ADD MUCH TO MINH'S CANDIDACY. HIS NAME HAS RECEIVED VERY MINOR MENTION HERE IN THIS CONNECTION. A MISSION OFFICER BROUGHT UP SUBJECT WITH HUYEN RECENTLY AND HIS REACTION WAS TO SAY SOMEONE MUST HAVE CONFUSED HIS NAME WITH THAT OF SENATE CHAIRMAN HUYEN, AND THAT HE DOUBTED VERY MUCH THAT MINH IS CONSIDERING HIM. HUYEN ADDED THAT HE COULD NOT BE OF MUCH HELP TO MINH.

2. OUR INFORMATION INDICATES 1967 DISQUALIFICATION OF AU TROUNG THANH - VU VAN HUYEN PRESIDENTIAL SLATE WAS DIRECTED ONLY AT THANH. FROM A REVIEW OF THE RECORDS OF THE TWO MEN IT APPEARS DISQUALIFICATION OF HUYEN WOULD BE LESS LIKELY BUT POSSIBLE.
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